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1. The Schwermaschinenbau Meuselwitz is mainly engaged in manufacturing machine tools for export and reparations orders. The former part of the factory which manufactured mining equipment now belongs to the VEB Abus of Leipzig. Meuselwitz makes chiefly heavy lathes, drilling machines, milling machines, and iron shearers.
2. In July 1953 there were delivered:
 - a. To Poland, three deep bed turning lathes (bed three meters long); a six-ton heavy drilling machine, and several small turret lathes.
 - b. To the Soviet Union, mainly separate machine parts to a total weight of about 160 tons; the order covered the months of May, June and July.
3. A 14-ton heavy radial boring machine and an 18-ton heavy plate shears were manufactured for Hungary; they had to be finished by 12 August. They did not have the firm's name plate, as is the usual practice. It has since developed that these two machines were shown at the Leipzig Fair on 30 Aug 53 as products of the Hungarian national Rakosi works in evidence of the capacity of the Hungarian heavy industry.
4. A heavy press was delivered to the Alexander-Werk at Schmalkalden, and a 30-ton steam trip hammer was manufactured for the same works.
5. The finances of the Meuselwitz works are in very bad shape. The shop management has been appealed to overcome the deficit by economies and production increases. An intended expenditure of 15,000 marks for the construction of a new washroom has been canceled.

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